THE DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida
Name..GOODEN,.Peggy...April.3,1989..11:30.a.m.....Case No. 89-981

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Strangulation

Stephanie A. Horowitz, M.D. Associate Medical Examiner

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Date: 6/9/89

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### METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT Number One on Bob Hope Road, Miami, Florida

### TOXICOLOGY REPORT

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SUBSTANCE	SPECIMEN	RESULT
ETHANOL	CHEST BLOOD	0.02%
VOLATILES	OCULAR FLUID	UNDETECTED
CYANIDE	CHEST BLOOD	UNDETECTED
HEAVY METALS	GASTRIC	UNDETECTED
DRUGS	BLADDER WASH	UNDETECTED
DRUGS	GASTRIC	UNDETECTED
BENZOYLECGONINE	SUBCLAVIAN BLOOD	0.26mg/L
COCAINE	CHEST BLOOD	DETECTED <0.1mg/L
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### **EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:**

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The body is that of a 5 foot 8 inch, 130 pound black female who appears in her late 20's or early 30's. The scalp is covered with 3 inch black kinky hair in pink foam rollers. The hair is markedly thinner at each temple. The irides are cloudy and brown. The conjunctivae are suffused but free of petechiae. The mouth contains native dentition in good repair with a gold right upper central incisor. The oral mucosa is without injury. The nares contain bloody fluid. The external auditory canals are unremarkable. The ears are pierced for earrings.

The neck, chest, abdomen, and extremities are straight and symmetric. The breasts are free of lumps. The breasts and abdomen have striae. A  $4 \times 1$  inch scar is on the posterior aspect of the left thigh. A horizontal  $4 \times 1/4$  inch scar is on the dorsal aspect of the left arm.

A hospital identification bracelet with the name "Peggy Gooden", an address, date of birth, and hospital number is on the right wrist. On the right antecubital fossa is a Bandaid covering a recent needle puncture site. Incision of this area reveals a small amount of blood in the subcutaneous tissues.

Slight decomposition is present with skin slippage over the trunk and extremities, slight bloating of the face, purging from the nose and mouth and small maggots in the eyes and perineum. The skin of the anterior abdomen is dry, brown-gray and firm.

#### EXTERNAL EVIDENCE OF INJURY:

A 1/2 inch abrasion is on the tip of the chin. On the right side of the face anterior to and just below the ear is a superficial 1/2 inch abrasion. On the left side of the neck anteriorly is a  $3/4 \times 1/2$  inch abrasion. A  $1-1/2 \times 1-1/2$  inch superficial abrasion is on the anterior aspect of the left shoulder. A  $1-1/2 \times 3/4$  inch abrasion is on the top of the left shoulder. Small abrasions, approximately 1/4 inch each, are on the top of the right shoulder. On the posterior aspect of the right shoulder are scattered minute abrasions. Small abrasions are on the posterior aspects of both arms, the largest on the left arm is 1 inch.

Minute abrasions are on the lower back and posterior aspect of the left thigh and lower leg. THE DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida

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#### INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

Red areas of subcutaneous tissue up to 3 centimeters are on the anterior left shoulder, middle of the chest at the sternal notch, and right shoulder.

An estimated 30 cubic centimeters of bloody fluid is in each pleural cavity. A thin layer of similar fluid is in the pericardial sac and abdominal cavity. The ribs, sternum, and spine are intact.

The 270 gram heart has a shiny epicardial surface. The right dominant coronary artery circulation is grossly free of atherosclerosis. The coronary ostia are patent and normally located. The valve leaflets are thin and pliable. The papillary muscles and chordae tendineae are unremarkable. The endocardium is smooth. The myocardium is soft, red-brown, and homogeneous. The foramen ovale is probe patent. The inferior vena cava and pulmonary artery are unremarkable. The thoracic and abdominal aorta have intimal fatty streaks.

The right and left lungs are 540 and 530 grams respectively. they have smooth pleural surfaces. On section they have decreased crepitance and are dark red, exuding red fluid. The pulmonary arteries and bronchi are unremarkable.

The 1140 gram liver has a sharp anterior margin and smooth capsule. The parenchyma is firm, brown, and homogeneous. The gallbladder is unremarkable.

The right and left adrenal glands have thin yellow cortices and dark brown meduliae.

The 140 gram spleen has a wrinkled gray capsule and red cut surface with inconspicuous white pulp.

The right and left kidneys are 140 and 130 grams respectively. They have smooth cortical surfaces with scattered small depressed areas. The parenchyma is firm and red with good demarcation of the corticomedulary junctions. The medulae are darker red. The pelvocalyceal systems and ureters are unremarkable. The bladder is lined with smooth tan mucosa and contains no urine.

The ovaries are of normal size and contain corpora lutea and one corpus albicans. The fallopian tubes have been interrupted near their junction with the uterus. They are otherwise unremarkable. The unremarkable uterus has a creamy, tan endometrium 0.3 centimeters thick. The exocervix is slightly red

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with scattered 0.1 to 0.3 centimeter greenish cystic areas. An oval ulcer,  $1/2 \times 1/4$  inch with smooth edges is horizontally oriented at the 9 o'clock position of the vaginal introitus. A 1/8 inch similar ulcer is at the 3 o'clock position. The remainder of the vagina and external genitalia are unremakable.

The esophagus is lined with smooth tan mucosa. The stomach is lined with smooth tan mucosa and has normal rugal folds. Gastric contents consist of less than 5 cubic centimeters of tan fluid. The duodenum is lined by smooth tan mucosa. The anus is without injury. The rectum is lined with smooth tan mucosa with a 1 centimeter polyp on a 0.5 centimeter stalk on its anterior aspect 6 centimeters above the anal verge. The remainder of the small and large intestines including appendix have smooth serosal surfaces. The pancreas has a firm, tan, normally lobulated parenchyma.

Step-wise dissection of the neck reveals the strap muscles of the right side of the neck to be firm, red-brown and homogeneous. Those of the left side of the neck are similar and unremarkable except for the left sternocleidomastoid muscle. The posterior aspect of this muscle has dark red-black discoloration which continues in the subcutaneous tissue surrounding the cervical lymph nodes, and the submucosal aspect of the left side of the hypopharynx over an area 10 x 10 centimeters. The corresponding area of the right side of the neck is brick red in color. thyroid gland has a soft, dark red, homogeneous parenchyma. thyroid and cricoid cartilages and hyoid bone are intact. The The thyrohyoid membranes bilaterally are dark red. The larynx trachea are lined with smooth red-green mucosa. The tan-brown tongue has small areas of red within the muscle anteriorly, largest 0.5 centimeters.

Step-wise dissection of the posterior aspect of the neck reveals no blood within the muscles or intraspinous ligaments. A 3 centimeter dark red area is in the subcutaneous tissue in the midline over the spinous process of C-7.

The 1150 gram brain is soft. The arteries at its base are free of atherosclerosis. There is no blood in the epidural, subdural, or subarachnoid spaces. The brain is unremarkable externally and on coronal sectioning. Stripping the intact dura reveals the skull to be free of fractures.

The sphenoid sinus is free of petechiae.

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### **AUTOPSY FINDINGS:**

- 1. Dark red-black discoloration of upper left sternocleidomastoid muscle and soft tissues of the left side of the neck
- 2. Multiple abrasions

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# METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY M E D I C A L E X A M I N E R D E P A R T M E N T NUMBER 1 ON BOB HOPE RD MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136 (305) 545-9400 INVESTIGATION REPORT

M.E. CASE NO. 89-0981 A DATE APR/03/89

GOODEN, PEGGY (REMAINS, UNKNOWN)

27 BLACK FEMALE DOB JUN/13/61

2525 OPA-LOCKA BOULEVARD, OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA.

PLACE OF DEATH: REAR OF: 9641 N.W. 27TH AVENUE, UNINC.DADE, MIAMI,FLA.

TIME OF DEATH: OCCURRED 8:00 PM. APR/02/89

INVESTIGATING AGENCY: METRO #163995-J/ DET.BUTCHKO

INCIDENT LOCATION: REAR OF: 9641 NW 27TH AVENUE, UNINC.DADE, MIAMI, FLA.

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HISTORY: IFP

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CAUSE OF DEATH: STRANGULATION. REFILED: 6/8/89-DJM.

MANNER: HOMICIDE DATE AUTOPSY APR/03/89 BY STEPHANIE A. HOROWITZ, M.

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CAUSE OF DEATH: PENDING FURTHER STUDY.

MANNER: UNCLASSIFIED DATE AUTOPSY APR/03/89 BY STEPHANIE A. HOROWITZ, M.

MORTUARY: POITIER IFP

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida

### SCENE INVESTIGATION

DATE: April 2, 1989

LOCATION: 9641 NW 27th Avenue

TIME ARRIVED AT SCENE: 9:50 p.m.

POLICE AGENCY: Metro Dade Police Dept.

LEAD INVESTIGATOR: Detective Butchko

#### INITIAL INFORMATION:

According to police, at approximately 8:00 p.m. on April 2, passersby noticed the body of a black female behind the building at the above address. The woman who lived at that address had moved out at approximately 5:00 p.m. on April 2.

### OBSERVATIONS OF SURROUNDINGS:

The address is that of a small one story building set back from the road in a commercial district. It is partly behind a florist's store. Behind the building itself is a grassy area bounded by hedges. Approximately 15 feet from the body where the back yard nears an adjacent parking lot, are a pair of women's sandals.

#### OBSERVATIONS OF VICTIM(s):

The victim is a young black female lying supine on the grass behind the house. She is wearing a black bra which is closed, and a white short sleeved shirt which is pushed up in front over the bra. The remainder of the body is naked. Corduroy pants and white underpants are pushed down around the left foot. The legs are spread. The head is near the hedges and the face is partly turned to the right.

On the right wrist is a hospital identification bracelet with the name "Peggy Gooden" and an address and date of birth. On the right antecubital fossa is a Bandaid.

Slight decomposition is present with bloating of the face, purging from the nose and mouth, fly eggs and small maggots in the eyes and perineum.

Small abrasions are on the anterior aspect of the upper left side of the chest and shoulder.

SCENE IMPRESSION (INCLUDING PROBABLE CAUSE AND MANNER OF DEATH):
Unclassified.

NOTE: The foregoing is of a speculative nature and subject to modification pending additional information and investigation.

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### METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

Police Case No. 163995-5

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### DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT 1050 N.W. 19 St., Miami, FL 33136 (305) 549-7337

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### MEMORANDUM

TO:

MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE

DATE:

April 3, 1989

SUBJECT

ME#89-981

FROM:

Fingerprint Technician I
Metro Dade Police Department

The fingerprints obtained from the deceased ME#89-981 have been identified with fingerprints of: Gooden, Peggy, Black-Female, DOB: 06/13/61, — MDPD ID# 406265, on file with the Metro Dade Police Department, Case Number 163995-J.

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### MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT NUMBER ONE ON BOB HOPE ROAD, MIAMI, FL 33136-1133 PHONE (305) 545-2400 FAX (305) 545-2418

**INVESTIGATION REPORT** 

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**AUTOPSY** 

APR/03/1989

DOCTOR: SAH

**MORTUARY: POITIER** 

**INVESTIGATOR: IVAN F. PEDREGUERA** 

### METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT 1050 N.W. 19th Street Miami, Florida 33136

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THE MIAMI HERALD

SECTION B

# Dead women had links to rapist

By DONNA GEHRKE Herald Staff Writer

Where Charles Henry Williams went,

Four were killed near his family home in Overtown. A fifth was a neighbor. Four more died in a North Dade prostitution zone where the tall baby-faced 32-year-old used to wander. Two others were found just outside the area. And two were murdered in a Browns-ville neighborhood where he used to smoke

crack.
Williams tells police it's coincidence.
Homicide detectives think it's a pattern.

Police say the convicted rapist is a suspect in these 13 slayings and five others, which date back more than two years. They called a press conference 2½ months ago to announce their suspicion. But they haven't yet charged



Convicted rapist Charles Henry Williams. left, says connections to the dead women are a coincidence. Police see a pattern, but they haven't charged Williams with murder.

Williams with murder.

The killings stopped once Williams was jailed last April on two unrelated rape charg-

"He's the best thing we've got," said Met-ro homicide Sgt. Frank Wesolowski, who

heads his department's investigation into 11 of the deaths. "He is the No. 1 suspect."
In recent weeks, The Herald has found

more links to Williams and the deaths, Court records and interviews with police, witnesses and victims' families show:

At least three victims were seen with

Williams on the day they died.

Two women who pressed the current rape charges against Williams say he tried to choke them to death in Brownsville — the same neighborhood where two victims died, within the same few weeks.

Another woman filed attempted-murder charges against Williams for a choking attack just hours after she had introduced him to one of her friends - who later was found mur-

■ Williams frequented the same places — a crack den, a prostitution zone — that sever-

al of the victims did.
Williams is scheduled to go to trial next
week on the two rape charges. The trial might

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be postponed to give Williams' new court-appointed attorney, Howard Landau, a chance to prepare a de-

fense.
Landau, who helped win an acquittal for Williams in a 1986 rape trial, won't comment on the case or the homicide investigation. Nor will he allow his client to speak to The Herald.

In statements to police, Williams has denied killing the women.

Born in Georgia, he grew up in a neatly kept Overtown townhouse with his mother, brother and sis-

By 1986, he had been accused of seven rapes — including assaults on two 15-year-old schoolgirls - and was profiled in The Herald as a career criminal who knew how to plea bargain and beat the system.

His accusers describe the same modus operandi: He starts with sweet talk and suddenly turns vicious as he chokes his victims unconscious.

Two years ago when Williams was out of jail, young women started dying mysteriously in his Overtown neighborhood. They were found almost nude, their legs spread and no visible trauma.

Miami cops were puzzled. Initial autopsies turned up a new theory --later debunked by Medical Examiner Joe Davis — that the women died because they combined sex and co-



VICTIM: Brenda Hernandez was seen with Williams the day she was strangled.

caine once too often.

They were well-known in the Overtown neighborhood as heavy crack-users.

So was Williams.

"He'd say, 'I've got money. Let's get drugs,' " remembered neighbor Audrey Salles.

One of Williams' teen-age neighbors took him up on the offer in April 1988 - and was found dead hours later, said the victim's best friend, Aida Rodriguez, 17.

She said Williams offered her and to Edwards. 16-year-old Sharmanita Grays "some weed" when they went to the Bay Point Motel, 3530 Biscayne Blvd. Later, Rodriguez left her friend with a heavily perspiring, crack-using Williams who wouldn't let her back into the room.

That's the last time Rodriguez saw Grays alive. Her body was found hours later sprawled, legs apart and nearly nude, on a stairwell at the motel.

Rodriguez told Miami homicide investigators her suspicions. Miami police have since refused to discuss the case.

Since then, two other victims were seen with Williams on their last day.

In October 1988, Williams sought sex from prostitute Erica Edwards on the night she died near the hooker zone on Northwest 79th Street. said witness Beverly Gunder lames.

She said Williams, identifying himself as "Tony," approached her on Oct. 22, 1988, at the Tropicana Bar. 1057 NW 79th St.

"He came out of the bushes." James said in a telephone interview. "He asked me where I was going, and I said to the bar. He asked if I 'dated' [slang for hooking], and I said no. He asked if I smoked cocaine and I said no. He asked me if I knew anyone who did.

"I said yes - Erica."

She said she then introduced him

"I said, 'Erica, this is Tony. He seems like a nice guy. Be nice to

The next morning, Edwards' body was discovered in a nearby field. She had been dead for hours.

That same day, James told police. Williams grabbed her from behind and choked her. "He picked me off the ground and put a book on me and I couldn't spring loose," she said.

"The man was on top of me," she added. "I was on my stomach.

A neighbor saw the attack and scared him off, she said.

Five days later — and after three more women had been found dead in the area - James spotted Williams at a friend's house near the hooker

Metro police arrested him there on attempted second-degree murder charges.

He was released in early December after prosecutors dropped the case. They couldn't find James. She moved to Oklahoma soon after the assault.

Five months later. Williams was seen with victim Brenda Hernandez on the day she was strangled in an open field in Brownsville, police told her mother, Mercedes Hernandez.

The victim had lived just a few blocks from a crack den near I & I Groceries at 2656 NW 46th St. where Williams hung out.

Two other victims, Barbara Ann

Black and Barbara Lattimore, hung out at the same crack den, several witnesses said. "He liked the girls." remembered store owner John Ben-

Williams was arrested at the crack den when he tried to run from detectives investigating Hernandez's murder.

While canvassing the neighborhood for witnesses, detectives ran into a woman who said Williams had raped her in the same neighborhood two weeks earlier.

She said she was initially fooled by his appearance, "A clean-cut guy, she noted.

She agreed to Williams' offer: \$10, two cocaine rocks and half a pound of marijuana for sex. The next thing she knew, he was choking her and forcing her to have sex.

"The man chokes you like he intends to kill you. It's not a choke where he's playing with you at all. He wants to kill you," she said in a placent."

sworn statement.

"The look on the guy's face - it totally changed from that nice personality, nice gentleman, hardworking gentleman to a damn maniac," she testified.

Metro detectives charged Williams with rape.

Within a week. Miami police followed with another rape charge. A woman from Brownsville accused Williams of choking and raping her in March.

Since early April, Williams has been in jail, lately in solitary.

"He's there for his own protection based on his notoriety," said Dade Jail Lt. Jim Wood.

Williams passes his days watching TV or talking to another prisoner -Charlie Street, accused killer of two Metro officers.

Williams has impressed Lt. Wood with his politeness and quiet demeanor. "He seems calm and com-

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# Convicted rapist linked to 19th slaying

Tony Rodriguez, Miami homicide detective.

Like many of the 18 other victims, Jackson was found nude and asphyxiated in Northwest Dade, lying on her back with her legs spread.

Homicide detectives believe Williams, a baby-faced former mainte--nance worker, may be responsible for the 19 slayings - and perhaps more - because the methods of murder are strikingly similar.

We've never had this many that seemed to fall into a pattern, said Dr. Joseph Davis, Dade's medical examiner.

"Williams, 33, has been in the Dade" County Jail for the past six months but has not been charged in any of the murders. He was charged with two counts of rape unrelated to the slayings. Metro and Miami homicide detectives say they don't have enough proof - even though he first murder came under investigation more than a year ago.

Williams has admitted to police that he knew some of the victims. but he has steadfastly denied killing anyone.

The slayings stopped once Williams was jailed in early April on the rape charges.

The first of the 19 victims - 18 of them black and one Hispanic was found dead in July 1987.

Jackson was victim No. 15. The bodies of four other women were found before Williams was arrested in early April. Miami police did not disclose Jackson's connection to Williams and the other homicide victims until detectives recently gave. depositions in court.

Jackson, a former cook in a sandwich shop, went by the name Sonia at because she hated her given name. "She was my sweet baby," said her · boyfriend Kirk Stevens, the father of her 2-year-old son, also named Kirk.

Like many of the other 18 victims, Jackson was a drug addict "doing tricks for crack," her family told investigators.

Just before her murder, she was desperately trying to break her streets as "Bumper" or "Bump."

crack habit, said Vincent Lawrence. WILLIAMS, FROM 1B gram for her. "I couldn't find any-

his yard found Jackson's strangled hookers or prostitutes," McMahon men, body next door in an overgrown lot said in a deposition.

Despite Landau's objections, the in the Brownsville neighborhood. A Her shoes were found nearby. 1995

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Williams, 23, was found in an open position. "She said that he had her assist us in these investigations," he field at Northwest 21st Avenue and under control. She couldn't get said.

68th Street. The killer had beaten away from him. The harder she Rodriguez and John Farrell, Met

chest and neck were battered like" Jackson's.

Williams was picked up near the Hernandez murder site by homicide detectives a day after the body was found.

As in Jackson's case, witnesses saw Williams with Hernandez on the last day of her life.

Jailers later found scratches on Williams' back and fresh bite marks on his penis.

Metro homicide detective Joseph McMahon said Williams readily talked to homicide detectives.

Investigators said Williams told them he had been with some of the victims - but they were alive when

He said people in the neighborhood who say he is the murderer are picking on him. They didn't like him. Williams complained.

From canvassing Brownsville after the murders, police found at least two women who said they had survived attacks by Williams. The investigators and the alleged victims described the attacks in recent depositions.

One, an admitted prostitute, told McMahon that she had been raped and choked to unconsciousness i March by a man known on the

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The two women pressed rape counting on.

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**DECEASED'S VALUABLES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY RECORD** 

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NAME OF DECEASED			M.E. CASE NO.	67 / 6/
TIME // Pr	<u>!</u>		DATE	2/4 <del>/</del>
AGE	RACE	SEX F	HEIGHT	5-8
WEIGHT (with clothes)	130 (withou	t clothes)	(with wet clothes)	
FINGERPRINTED: YES		NO		
	MALE	CLOTHES	FEMALE	
SHOES	SOCKS	SHOES	STOCKING	socks
JACKET	_ SWEATER	COAT	SWEATER	JACKET
TIE	SHIRT	DRESS	BLOUSE	SKIRT
TROUSERS SH	ORTS BELT	SHORTS	SLACK	s
UNDERSHIRT T SA	RT UNDERSHORTS	SLIP	PANTIESCORSE	ET BRA
PAJAMAS		PAJAMAS	GOW	N
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MISCELLANEOUS		MISCELLANEO	ous	•
		VALUABLES		
/	(List all money, jewel	keys, personal papers & oti	ner valuables)	
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RECEIVED BY	su fin	MORGUE ATTENDANT V	VITNESS SOCRE	till
REMOVED FROM M.E. OFFI	CE BY		•	
BODY 7 Benton	REPRESENTING	Poitier DATE	4-4-89	_ TIME _ 5:35 P_
BODY 7 Benton CLOTHES Benton	_ REPRESENTING	itier DATE	4-4-89	_ TIME 5:35
VALUABLES				

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